

The decision by Sinclair Broadcasting to force their stations to air a one-sided anti-Kerry political smear days before the election is a clear violation of equal time requirements and an example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. If they insist on airing this smear without giving equal time to documentaries like "Going Upriver" or "Fahrenheit 9/11" before the election they should have their license revoked.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.